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For : **HIGH PERFORMANCE STRAINED CMOS DEVICES****SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 25, 2005, Applicants hereby bring the following information (in English) to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited in the International Search Report and the Examiner's statement with regard to novelty under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i), issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/US04/34047. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted document:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,940,716 issued August 17, 1999 to JIN *et al.* as an "X" category document (i.e., a document that calls into question of the novelty or inventive step when considered alone) with regard to claims 1, 4 and 12-

14 of the instant application. The Examiner noted Figures 1-24 as being particularly relevant. The Examiner also cited this document as a “Y” category document (i.e., a document that calls into question the inventive step when considered with another document from this category) with regard to claims 15-18 of the instant application;

2. U.S. Patent No. 5,981,356 A issued November 9, 1999 to HSUEH *et al.* as an “A” category document (i.e., technological background) with regard to claims 1-22 of the instant application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant;
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,093,621 A issued July 25, 2000 to TSENG *et al.* as an “A” category document with regard to claims 1-22 of the instant application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant;
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,080,637 A issued June 27, 2000 to HUANG *et al.* as an “A” category document with regard to claims 1-22 of the instant application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant; and
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,583,060 B2 issued June 24, 2003 to TRIVEDI *et al.* as an “Y” category document with regard to claims 2-3, 5-11 and 15-18 of the instant application. The Examiner noted Col. 1, lines 1-8 and Col. 2, lines 29-34 and Figures 1-24 as being particularly relevant.

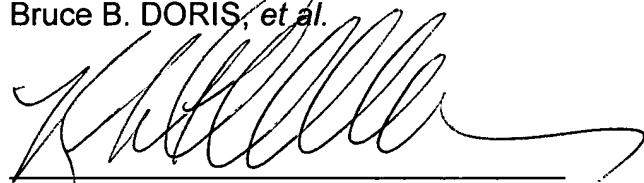
Moreover, Applicants note that each cited document is already of record in the instant application, such that no new items are being brought to the Examiner’s attention. Accordingly, the instant Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted

to make of record the International Examiner's reasons for citing these documents.

While no Fee is believed necessary, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to International Business Machines Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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